

8th Grade Mini-Course Descriptions for 2020-2021

Fall/Winter 2020

Everybody loves a Story! The Parables of Jesus

Jesus often used parables (short, simple stories) to teach important spiritual truths. This mini-course will review some familiar parables and introduce participants to some of the less familiar parables. Using a variety of resources: scripture, video, audio, games and more; teens will break open the parables to learn how the lessons can be applied in their lives today.

Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm
October 14, October 21, October 28

You've Got a Friend in Me

Do you consider Jesus your friend? When it comes to being a good friend, and choosing good friends – Jesus is the perfect example. This course will look at what Jesus teaches us about friendship to see what messages teens can find on guiding and building their own relationships.

Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm
November 1, November 8, November 15

The Miracles of Jesus

Some of the most memorable depictions of Jesus revolve around the miracles that He performed. Participants will examine the scripture of Jesus' Miracles and view video retellings of the Miracles to learn more about Jesus and to be inspired to follow His example.

Mondays 7:00-8:30pm
December 7, December 14, December 21

Winter/Spring 2021

Exploring the Sacraments

This mini-course will offer teens an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the Sacraments. The course will include exploring the Rites of the Sacraments as well as the signs and symbols used by the Church in Sacramental celebrations.

Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30pm
January 13, January 20, January 27
If weather cancels a session we will meet Feb 3

Not all Fruits Grow on Trees

When we are open to the Holy Spirit, we can grow as followers of Jesus. We see the effect of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives in special qualities and attitudes that we develop as we grow in faith and in our daily lives—these are called the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Sundays 6:30 – 8:00pm
February 28, March 7, March 14
If weather cancels a session we will meet March 21

I Believe: Understanding the Creed

Before you can decide whether or not you call yourself "Catholic" it is important to understand exactly what Catholics believe. This course will break down the Creed and look more closely at exactly what Catholics believe.

Mondays 7:00-8:30pm
March 15, March 22, March 29

*****NEW for 2020-2021*****

Family Faith Foundations will replace our "workshop" component. Each family will select and complete two Family Based Faith Experiences throughout the year. Teens will then submit a written or video reflection sharing how they grew in faith from that experience. Additional details are available on the parish website.

Safe Environment Training (required annually) – Additional Information about this Training will be posted at a later date